

Letter from Gardiner Greene Hubbard to Alexander Graham Bell, February 21, 1879, with transcript

L. 1879 Telephone G.G.H. to A.G.B. Feb.21 Wash. Presidency

Your telegram was recd. yesterday. We are glad to hear that matters are progressing favorably with you. I want to have you remember that I cannot under any circumstances consent to force myself upon the Bell Tel. Co. as its President. I do very much desire the position as I think I am entitled to it, and believe I can do more than anyone else to advance its interests, besides all this, I need the salary which they ought to pay me. I must, however, retain my self respect and must be elected because I am the best fitted for the place, and because they believe it.

As soon as the company is re-organized I should visit all our principal agencies, to learn (and) report to the directors the condition and prospects of each one. This is rather Mr. Vail's work than mine, but he cannot leave at present and I can. There 2 are also a number of suits now pending in various states that I should look after , or I f they are strongly pushed under one head we can soon stop all infringements except those of the West. Union Tel. Co.

We are all very well, the weather is cold and bright and pleasant. Elsie was here yesterday, as bright and happy as I have ever seen her.